

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 873

By Finney

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Michael Vaughn Wheatley, 2006 Co-Valedictorian of Sevier County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Michael Vaughn Wheatley is one such exceptional student who was recently named Co-Valedictorian of the 2006 graduating class at Sevier County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Michael Vaughn Wheatley has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Wheatley has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average while serving as a valued member and officer of several scholastic organizations, including President of the Sevierville Teen Board, American Field Service, Students Against Destructive Decisions, and Spanish Club; he served as Vice-President of the National Honor Society and was a Student Government Association Senator; Mr. Wheatley has also been a member of BETA Club and Distributive Educational Clubs of America, and he served as Quarter Master, Patrol Leader, and Assistant Senior of the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, a four-year honor roll student, Michael Vaughn Wheatley is an avid sports enthusiast, and he was a member of his school's varsity soccer and golf teams; he was also an indoor soccer forward starter and an American Youth Soccer Organization team captain; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wheatley, a committed and talented musician, is Principal Trombone in the Sevier County High School Jazz Band and First Chair in Sevier County High School's

Marching Band, Symphonic Band, and Concert Band; a member of the Scholar's Bowl, Michael Vaughn Wheatley is also a soloist with the Walter's State Community College Jazz Band and their Brass Ensemble; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Mr. Wheatley has received numerous awards from Sevier County High School for his exemplary scholarship in AP American Government, History, English, and Biology, and he won the Academic Excellence Award for Freshmen; he participated in the Governor's Schools of Tennessee for International Studies, the All State East Tennessee Band, the All State East Tennessee Jazz Band, and University of Tennessee's Honors Music Festival; he was nominated for the National Young Leaders Conference and has won a certificate of excellence in the Smoky Mountain Music Festival; additionally, Mr. Wheatley received a Certificate of Completion from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology's Operation Catapult; and

WHEREAS, committed to community service, Michael Vaughn Wheatley has participated in numerous volunteer projects, including serving as the President of Teen Board Service Organization; and

WHEREAS, Michael Vaughn Wheatley's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success, and he has been awarded a Gustav Kurt Mesmer Scholarship at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, and a Chancellor's Scholarship at the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wheatley's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Dr. H. C. Wheatley and Connie Wheatley, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Michael Vaughn Wheatley's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2006 Sevier County High School Co-Valedictorian, Michael Vaughn Wheatley, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy and successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

